



Meets last Wednesday in each month, at Opera House. Visiting brethren are invited to meet with us.

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#### LOCAL NEWS.

Good morning! This is 1903.

Hot and cold baths, at A. C. Koepke's.

"A Happy New Year to all."

Hair trimmed in all styles, at A. C. Koepke's.

Did you swear off today? If not, why not?

Wm. Koch Esq., of Victoria, spent several days in the city last week.

Miss Berta Tharion spent the holidays with the homefolks.

**500 pairs shoes at cost at C. Muecke's.**

Mr. G. W. Witter is now a full-fledged "Chopper" in the W. O. W.

**100 suits of clothes at cost at C. Muecke's.**

Mr. E. J. Maie paid a short visit to San Antonio since our last.

Chas. Pelsner of Lexington was in Shiner for a few hours last Thursday.

Miss India Bailey, of Gonzales, was in the city several days last week.

Mr. D. C. Laurentz of Gonzales, spent several days in the city last week.

Judge C. J. Gray was at the county capital on business last week.

Mr. William Wendland has purchased the Theo. Schuhmann residence.

Mr. L. W. Griffith rode the goat last Saturday night at the Masonic lodge.

If you have any good resolutions to make, make them now and stick to them.

Mr. Lee Wilson left last Thursday for Giddings, to be absent several days.

Dr. G. W. Gray of Fort Griffin is in the city visiting his son Mr. C. J. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Deutach were visiting at New Braunfels last week.

For Fresh Fruits and Choice Confectionery, call on  
W. S. Merrem.

Mrs. Middlebrook of Sweet Home is in the city, visiting her daughter Mrs. S. J. Youngs.

The editor and family spent Christmas at Gonzales with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lane.

C. J. Gray, Esq., returned on the 20th ult., from a visit to his father at Fort Griffin, Texas.

Mr. R. L. Eideon of Beeville was in the city last week visiting his brother Dr. M. L. Eideon.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Waco, preached two good sermons in Shiner on Sunday the 22d ult.

Mrs. G. W. Witter and two little ones left on the 21st ult., to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Katie Turner of Schulenburg was here last week visiting her friend Miss Mamie Eideon.

The Gazette hopes none of its readers were afflicted with a case of big head "the day after."

Merets John Stirling and W. H. Vinton were in from Dilworth last Thursday between trains.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jungheeker left last Thursday for a short visit to relatives in Galveston.

A movement is on foot to have a grand roping contest in Shiner about the middle of January.

Christmas in Shiner passed off quietly and peaceably. There was no disturbance that we heard of.

Don't forget the ball and banquet at the opera house on New Year's eve. Music by the Shiner band.

Miss Anna Koch, who has been attending the University at Austin, spent the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Wm. Blake, manager of the round bale gin, returned last Thursday from a weeks visit to Flatonia.

Edwin Flato arrived in the city about the 20th of December from College Station, to spend Christmas.

The young folks enjoyed a social hop at the opera house on Christmas eve. Joe Vollino furnished the music.

Chas. Flato, sr., Chas. Flato, jr., and Steve Holchak, jr., came in from New Mexico and will remain for some time.

William Sander, late of Shiner, but now living at Ganado, in Jackson county, was in the city a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stierling and little daughter spent the holidays in Schulenburg, visiting Mrs. Stierling's mother.

Mast's Edwin Wolters and Peck Welhausen came home from school at Cuero, to spend the holidays. They are both looking well.

Misses Nellie and Maude McCain of Austin were in the city last week visiting their friend and schoolmate, Miss Mamie Welhausen.

This is the first issue of The Gazette for the New Year and it expects to pull for Shiner and Lavaca county in the future as in the past.

Lonnie Lumsden spent Christmas here with his uncle, Mr. Wm. Green. Lonnie is now permanently located at Falls City, which he says is a thriving town.

Mrs. W. A. Thatcher and little daughter, Robert, of Flatonia, paid a short visit to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Habermacher, a few days before Christmas.

The Ladies' Cemetery Association held another of their delightful reunions last Friday evening. Coffee and cake was served, of which there was a bountiful supply.

Dr. S. F. Nave, L. W. Griffith and R. L. Martin returned last Wednesday from the Devil's Pocket ranch of Dr. Nave, where they were branding and working cattle.

That roping contest will be a good thing for the town. It will bring a large crowd and help business, besides advertising the town. It should meet with the hearty support of our business men.

Mr. Charlie Herder was in Shiner Christmas day and spent an enjoyable time with friends. Charlie has been clerking during the past year at Gonzales for Mr. J. R. Lane, but will attend school during the coming year.

Elder A. Howard, of Fort Worth, arrived in Shiner last Thursday and has been the guest of Mr. Wiley. He left for Norman, Okla., to spend the winter. He reports things alive and prosperous in North Texas and was glad to see his friends in this vicinity, and wishes them all a bright Xmas and happy New Year.

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#### DEATH OF MISS HELMERS.

A Deploable Accident.

The accidental death by burning of Miss Ella Helmers was one of the most sad and terrible affairs in the history of Shiner, and was a shock to the entire community.

A bright and beautiful young girl just past her fourteenth year, the idol of her parents and a general favorite with all who knew her, she was stricken down without warning and in the most horrible manner.

Last Friday morning at about 10:30 o'clock Ella was in the yard of her home amusing herself discharging fireworks, and in stooping to light a firecracker, by a small brush fire, her clothing caught fire; she was warned of the fact by a playmate and becoming frightened, she started to run. This only served to fan the fire and in a moment she was enveloped by the cruel flames. Her mother and elder sister ran to her assistance and attempted to extinguish the flames, but all in vain, the little ones' clothes were burned entirely off her, one eye was destroyed and her flesh burned to a crisp. She had inhaled the flames while running, and was injured beyond all possible hope of recovery. The best medical aid was quickly summoned and everything possible was done to relieve her suffering. She lingered several hours when death came as a relief about 8 o'clock Friday night.

The funeral took place at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday, and was attended by a large crowd of sympathizing friends. Rev. Wm. Dziewas conducted the burial service and there was singing by the ladies of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Helmers had her hands badly burned in her efforts to save her child, the flesh on her right hand being burned to the bone.

The Gazette and all who know this estimable family, extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow and bereavement.

**Dissolution of Partnership.**

The partnership heretofore existing between L. Wagener and Theo. Schuhmann is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Schuhmann retiring and Mr. Wm. Wendland purchasing his interest.

L. WAGENER,  
THEO. SCHUHMAN.

December 16th 1901.

Referring to the above, we, the undersigned, desire to notify the public that we shall continue the above business under the firm name of Wagener & Wendland, and respectfully ask a share of your patronage.

L. WAGENER,  
Wm. WENDLAND.

Referring to the above, I wish to extend my thanks to my friends and customers for their patronage in the past and hope they will extend the same to my successors in the future.

THEO. SCHUHMAN.

**German Theater.**

The Geiseler & Hirschhorn Alpine Singers and Specialty Co., assisted by the Japanese Acrobat Oukura, will hold forth at the opera house in Shiner one night only, Saturday January 4th 1902. Open at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents, Children 10 cents.

Two interesting letters, one from Dilworth and one from Droyer, were received too late for this issue, as we go to press one day earlier than usual, on account of New Year's day falling on our regular publication day.

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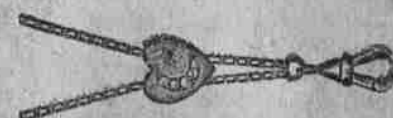
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A. V. Schvab,  
The Shiner  
JEWELER.



### Meat Market.

I have purchased the interest of Mr. Emil Lockmann in the AVENUE MEAT MARKET and will continue the business as before.

**Fine Fresh Beef and Sausage Daily.**

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Joseph Kram.

Cotton usually lags as the holiday season approaches, but this year was an exception, the market was strong with an increase in price.

**Matting** We have a nice line of matting which we intend to close out at unheard of prices!

45c matting at	30c
35c matting at	22c
30c matting at	20c
20c matting at	15c

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